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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SEIU, LOCAL 2028)	Civil No.08cv0486 BTM (AJB)
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER SETTING EARLY NEUTRAL
v.)	EVALUATION CONFERENCE;
)	BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND BRIEFING
RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SAN)	REQUIREMENTS
DIEGO, and DOES 1 through 10,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an Early Neutral Evaluation of the above entitled action will be held on *June 4, 2008* at *10:00 a.m.* in the chambers of Judge Anthony J. Battaglia, U.S. Courts Building, 940 Front St., Room 1145, San Diego, California.

Mandatory Appearance Requirements

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16.1.c of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, **counsel only shall appear in person at the conference and must be prepared to discuss the claims, defenses and damages. Governmental entities may appear through litigation counsel only. As to all other parties, appearance by litigation counsel only is not acceptable.** The parties must be prepared to present demands and offers of settlement. **The failure of any counsel subject to this order to appear in person will result in the immediate imposition of**

1 **sanctions.** Sanctions will include, but will not be limited to, the attorneys' fees and travel costs in the
2 case. In addition, the conference will not proceed and will be reset to another date.

3 *In cases where a party is incarcerated at the time of the scheduled conference, arrangements*
4 *will be made for the incarcerated party to appear telephonically.*

5 **Preparing for the ENE**

6 Plaintiff's counsel must give notice of the Early Neutral Evaluation conference to all defendants
7 making an appearance after the date of this notice.

8 All conference discussions will be informal, off the record, privileged and confidential.

9 In preparation for the Early Neutral Evaluation Conference, plaintiff(s) must submit a settlement
10 brief to chambers, through their counsel where applicable, by e-mail to
11 *efile_battaglia@casd.uscourts.gov* **AND** serve it on all other counsel and any unrepresented parties by
12 **May 21, 2008.**

13 Plaintiff(s) brief must include the following:

- 14 1. A brief description of the case and the claims asserted;
- 15 2. A specific and current demand for settlement addressing all relief or remedies sought. If
16 a specific demand for settlement cannot be made at the time the brief is submitted, then
17 the reasons therefor must be stated along with a statement as to when the plaintiff(s) will
18 be in a position to state a demand; and
- 19 3. A brief description of any previous settlement negotiations, mediation sessions or
20 mediation efforts.

21 Defendant(s) must submit a settlement brief to chambers, through counsel where applicable, by
22 e-mail to *efile_battaglia@casd.uscourts.gov* and serve it on all other counsel and any unrepresented
23 parties by **May 28, 2008.**

24 Defendant(s) brief must include the following:

- 25 1. A brief description of the defendant(s) position concerning plaintiff(s) allegations, any
26 defenses and any counter-claims or set-offs asserted;

2. A specific and current response to plaintiff(s) demand and the defendant(s) specific offer of settlement; and,

3. A brief description of any previous settlement negotiations, mediation sessions or mediation efforts.

General statements that a party will "negotiate in good faith" is not a specific demand or offer contemplated by this Order. It is assumed that all parties will negotiate in good faith.

The briefs are limited to five (5) pages and must not include exhibits, attachments, or incorporate by reference the pleadings on file or other material.

Request for Continuance or to Vacate ENE date

Absent extraordinary circumstances, a request to continue the ENE will not be considered unless submitted via a joint motion to continue the date no less than fourteen days prior to the scheduled conference.

Any request to continue the conference or request for relief from any of the provisions or requirements of this Order must be sought by a written joint motion. The joint motion must be supported by a declaration of counsel setting forth the reasons and justifications for the relief requested; confirm compliance with Civil Local Rule 26.1; and, report the position of opposing counsel or any unrepresented parties subject to the Order.

If the case is settled in its entirety before the scheduled date of the conference, counsel and any unrepresented parties must still appear in person, unless a joint motion to vacate a conference date due to the complete settlement of the case is submitted no less than 24 hours before the scheduled conference.

Future Proceedings

In the event the case does not settle at the Early Neutral Evaluation Conference, and where the parties have not yet held the Rule 26(f) conference or made initial disclosures, the parties shall also be prepared to discuss the following matters at the conclusion of the conference:

1. Any anticipated objections under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(E) to the initial disclosure provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A-D);

2. The scheduling of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) conference;
3. The date of initial disclosure and the date for lodging the discovery plan following the Rule 26(f) conference; and,
4. The scheduling of a Case Management Conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).

The Court will issue an appropriate order addressing these issues and setting dates as appropriate. Questions regarding this case may be directed to the Judge's chambers at (619) 557-3446.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 24, 2008



Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia

U.S. Magistrate Judge

United States District Court